

# Religious Education Newsletter

Year 2

Autumn Term 2019

During this term your children will be studying two topics from 'The Way the Truth and the Life' Programme, as well as celebrating the feasts of the Church's liturgical seasons. They will also spend time learning about Judaism.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary and the children will be learning about this beautiful prayer, and have the opportunity to pray the Rosary in class and in our 'Rosary Club' held at lunchtime.

November is dedicated to the Holy souls in Purgatory. In school, we will be praying for all those we know who have died.

December marks the season of Advent—a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus; we will prepare for this through special liturgies and events in school. This preparation culminates in the Infant Nativity Concert and the Christmas Vigil Mass in St Vincent's Church on Christmas Eve.

## Topic One - The Chosen People

The children will learn that we are chosen by God and learn that God chose certain people to lead and guide his people. They will learn that God called Abraham and that God chose Moses to be a great leader. They will also learn about how Samuel responded to God's call and find out about the story of Daniel in the lions' den. They will have an opportunity to reflect on Abraham's trust in God and learn that we should always trust God. They will learn that God chooses unexpected people and will be given the opportunity to reflect on their own response to God's call.

### At home you can help your child by:

- Reading stories together about Abraham, Moses, Joseph and Daniel.
- Talking about how God has chosen people to do his work in our world today



## Topic Two – Mysteries

The children will learn about and reflect on mysteries. They will be encouraged to say and reflect on what they wonder about. The children will learn that there are three persons in one God and that we can experience God in three different ways as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They will learn about and reflect on God's choice of Mary and Joseph and know that Jesus is God's gift to the whole world.

### At home you can help your child by:

- reminding them, as they make the sign of the cross, that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- reading the Christmas story and encourage them to ask questions
- visit [www.tere.org/interactive\\_site/KS1link.htm](http://www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS1link.htm) and complete activities.



## SCHOOL MASSES

All children and families are invited to our monthly School Mass in St Vincent's Church. Please come along and join us!

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| 15.9.19  | School Mass 11am      |
| 13.10.19 | Harvest Festival 11am |
| 10.11.19 | School Mass 11am      |
| 24.12.19 | Christmas Eve 5pm     |

## Other special days

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| 8.9.19   | Our Lady's Birthday        |
| 24.9.19  | Our Lady of Walsingham     |
| 27.9.19  | St Vincent de Paul         |
| 1.10.19  | St Therese of Lisieux      |
| 1.11.19  | All Saints                 |
| 2.11.19  | All Souls                  |
| 1.12.19  | The first Sunday of Advent |
| 8.12.19  | The Immaculate Conception  |
| 25.12.19 | Christmas                  |

## SUNDAY MASSES AT ST VINCENT'S CHURCH ARE AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

SATURDAY 6.30PM  
SUNDAY 9.00AM  
SUNDAY 11.00AM  
SUNDAY 5.00PM

THE INFANT NATIVITY IS ON FRIDAY 6TH  
DECEMBER IN THE SCHOOL HALL AT 2PM